



Atty Docket No. 080398.P158

Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Lonsberry, Hunter B.
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Proehl, et al.) Art Unit: 2611
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Serial No. 09/218,119)
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Filed: December 21, 1998)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR NOTIFICATION ON A)
BROADCAST DEVICE)
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

We, Andrew M. Proehl, Franklin Servan-Schreiber, and Kim Mingo, declare that:

1. We are inventors of the invention set forth in claims 11-18, 21-32, 36, 37, 43-52 and 57-60 of the above-referenced patent application. At the time of the invention, we were employed by Sony Electronics, Inc., co-assignee with Sony Corporation of the present application.

2. The invention as described and claimed in the above-referenced patent application was conceived of prior to the April 30, 1998 filing date of U.S. Patent 6,725,461 to Dougherty et al.

3. A disclosure for the invention (IPD 50L2271) was assigned to Maria Sobrino of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor and Zafman for drafting prior to April 30, 1998. A copy of a January 28, 1998 letter from Sony Corporation to Ms. Sobrino regarding the disclosure

for IPD 50L2271 and related applications 50L2269 and 50L2270 is presented as evidence of this fact.

4. Ms. Sobrino worked diligently on the above-referenced application and the related applications. The present application was constructively reduced to practice on its filing date of December 21, 1998.

5. We declare, to the best of our knowledge, all statements made in this document are true, and that all statements made on information are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced patent application or any patent issued therefrom.

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EXHIBIT A

Contents

Letter dated January 28, 1998 from Sony Corporation to Ms. Maria Sobrino

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RE: Invention Disclosures:

Title: Displaying Stations by their Logos or Names
IPD File No.: 50L2269

LOS REPORT

Title: Zooming EPG, Video Zoom into EPG and Reverse
IPD File No.: 50L2270

Title: Reminder/Messaging Display on a TV Screen
IPD File No.: 50L2271

Dear Maria:

On January 21, 1998, I send you a letter regarding the above-reference invention disclosures. Please be advised that there has been a change in strategy, so please handle them in the following manner.

IPD #50L2269 and #50L2270 will be combined into one application, if possible and #50L2271 will be filed separately as its own application. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this change or you may want to contact the managing attorney which is Tak Miura at: 201-930-7420. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrea Petit-Clair
Foreign Filing Specialist

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cc: Tak Miura, Esq.